

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Cynthia L. Merlini,

Plaintiff,

v.

Canada,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:17-cv-10519-NMG

The Honorable Nathaniel M. Gorton

**DEFENDANT CANADA’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A REPLY IN
SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO DISMISS AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

Defendant Canada, by and through its counsel, moves pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(b)(3) for leave to file a short reply memorandum of no more than five (5) pages in support of its motion to dismiss. A copy of the proposed reply memorandum is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Canada believes that a short reply to Plaintiff’s opposition to its motion to dismiss will assist the Court in narrowing the legal issues presented, which involve the intersection of state and federal law, and affect matters of international comity. No party will be prejudiced by this request as Plaintiff does not oppose the motion and the court has not yet scheduled a hearing on the motion to dismiss.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Canada respectfully requests that this Court grant its motion for leave to file a reply in support of its motion to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 12, 2017

/s/ D.E. Wilson, Jr.

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LR 7.1(a)(2) Certification

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(a)(2), I hereby certify that counsel for Canada conferred with counsel for Plaintiff who indicated that Plaintiff does not oppose this motion.

/s/ Chrisann Leal

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that true copy of the above document was served upon the attorney of record for the Plaintiff electronically on July 12, 2017.

/s/ Chrisann Leal